



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK
May 10-16, 2004

WHEREAS, hundreds of Americans die each year of food-induced anaphylaxis caused by unknowingly eating a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe allergic reaction that affects the body's major organs simultaneously and can cause death within minutes; and

WHEREAS, researchers estimate that 6 to 7 million Americans have food allergies, with children making up the largest group; and

WHEREAS, eight foods cause 90 percent of all food allergy reactions: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, nuts, peanuts, soy and wheat; and

WHEREAS, eating at restaurants and schools are the situations posing the highest risk for people with food allergies, with staff unaware of ingredients and unprepared to handle allergic reactions; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for potentially fatal food allergies; strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to avoid a reaction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 10-16, 2004, **FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State